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### **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR. § 1.116**

# **Introductory Remarks:**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2003 (Paper No. 14) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Paper and reconsideration of the application in view thereof.

This Paper is believed timely filed on or before January 27, 2004. Notwithstanding, should this Paper not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

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